(b) A statement (given below) giving details of each incident is placed on the Table of the House. In each case, appropriate diplomatic/legal action was taken.

Statement

*Statement of cases of assault on Indian Diplomats abroad*

1. Shri Shyam Kumar, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Brasilia was assaulted by three armed assailants on July 23, 1989 when they attempted to budgle his apartment Shri Kumar sustained serious injuries which eventually led to his death. The Brasilian authorities arrested two of the persons involved and charged them with murder.

2. The wife of an Attache in the High Commission of India, Islamabad was abducted at a market near her house in Islamabad on November 25, 1990. She was returned to her house after about two hours. She could not identify the abductors.

3. Shri J. F. Ribeiro, Indian Ambassador in Romania was shot and injured by Sikh terrorists in Bucharest on August 20, 1991 when he and his wife were out for a walk. The Romanian security personnel accompanying the Ambassador killed one of the assailants and captured two others. The two arrested assailants were later convicted by a military court and are undergoing imprisonment.

4. Shri D. B. Mathur, an Assistant in the Embassy of India, Tehran was assaulted and detained by the Iranian authorities on December 3, 1991. He was released on December 5 after the case was taken up with the Iranian Foreign office.

5. Shri S. K. Sharma, a Personal Assistant in the High Commission of India, Lagos was assaulted by two armed robbers on December 13, 1991 when he tried to prevent them from burgling his house. The local authorities registered a case but have not been able to apprehend the robbers so far.

6. Shri Sitaram, a Private Secretary in the Embassy of India, Tashkent was assaulted on the night of April 15 when armed intruders entered his house. Local authorities have not been able to trace them so far.

7. Shri Rajesh Mittal, a Counsellor in the High Commission of India, Islamabad was abducted on May 24 morning when he was proceeding to the Embassy. He was released after about 7 hours detention. Shri Mittal suffered serious injuries due to the third degree inflicted on him by the Pakistan Intelligence Agencies, who were responsible for the abduction.

**Resumption of secretary level talks between India and Pakistan**

1499. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan are resumed again; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, at their meeting at Rio de Janeiro on 14th June, 1992, agreed, that despite recent setbacks, the bilateral dialogue should be resumed. The dates for the next round of Foreign Secretary level talks are being determined through diplomatic channels.

**Permission to Portugal to set up Consulate in Goa**

1500. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Portugal has been permitted to set up a consulate in Goa.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the other countries which have asked for setting up consulates in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The comments from the State Government of Goa are awaited.

(c) Germany has been allowed to appoint an Honorary Consul General in Goa. There are no other pending requests.

**Kashmiri militants along line of actual control**

1501. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 8th June, 1992 that over 7000 Kashmiri militants who have received training in subversive activities and assisted by Afghan Mujahideens have started gathering along the line of Actual Control at Poonch, Rajouri, Hajipeer in Jammu, Uri and Kupwara in Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the subversive training camps in Pak occupied Kashmir are being handed over to Afghan Mujahideens for guerrilla warfare training to Kashmiri militants;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what security measures Government have taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is no corroborative information to indicate that Afghan Mujahideen are being deployed across the J&K border for infiltration alongwith Kashmiri militants.

(b) Government have no information in this regard.

(c) While there is no confirmed evidence of the presence of Afghan Mujahideen on our borders, deployment of security forces along the border has been strengthened. Patrolling and intelligence operations have been intensified.

(d) Government have, on several occasions and at various levels, urged Pakistan to stop its support and encouragement to terrorism directed against India. Despite assurance, this support continuing unabated.

**Government's agencies going abroad**

1502. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the first half of 1992 various Government agencies have gone abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these visits by Government agencies were necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Agreement between India nad Bangladesh on Tin Bigha**

1503. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: